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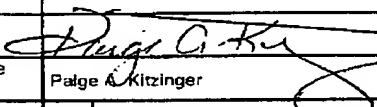
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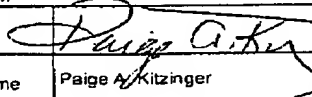
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Examiner: Daniel S. Felten
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The above-referenced United States patent application serial no. 09/450,023 ("the '023 application") was filed on November 29, 1999. On the same date, Applicant also filed United States Patent application serial no. 09/949,942 ("the '942 application").

When filing the above-referenced '023 application, Applicant inadvertently enclosed the declaration associated with the '942 application ("the '942 Declaration"). A copy of the '942 Declaration is attached as Exhibit A. Likewise, when filing the '942 application, Applicant inadvertently enclosed the Declaration associated with the '023 application ("the

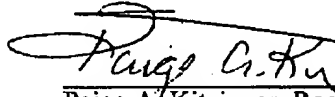
'023 Declaration"). A copy of the '023 Declaration is attached as Exhibit B. As a result of the error, the '023 filing receipt incorrectly indicates that the '023 application claims priority to provisional application serial number 60/110,248.

The '023 Declaration (Exhibit B), which should have been filed in connection with the '023 application, properly indicates that the '023 application is a continuation of application of United States application serial no. 09/383,371, filed August 26, 1999. Applicant, therefore, requests that the '023 Declaration be entered in connection with the '023 application, that the claim for priority be corrected and that a corrected filing receipt be issued. A copy of the filing receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit C and has been marked to show the requested correction.

Finally, Applicant notes that its claim for priority was indicated in the cover letter submitted in connection with the filing of the '023 application. The cover letter correctly indicates that the application is a continuation of application serial number 09/383,371. A copy of this cover letter is attached as Exhibit D.

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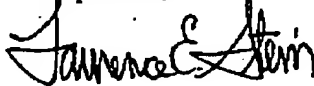
RE: New Continuation Patent Application of Serial No. 09/383,371
Inventor: WILLIAM A. GINDLESERGER
A SYSTEM FOR COMPETITIVE PRICING PROCUREMENT OF CUSTOMIZED
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Attorney Docket No. 11103.103C

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a new patent application consisting of 48 pages of specification, 24 claims, three of which are independent, 18 sheets of drawings and an Abstract. Attached is a Declaration and Power of Attorney and Small Entity Form for an Independent Inventor.

Please charge the cost of the filing fee in the amount of \$416.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-07C9 of the above-identified attorneys. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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